Tribes, based on the census for the year 1991, without affecting the total number of seats allocated to the States in these legislative bodies, the Government has already introduced a Bill, namely, the Delimitation Bill, 2002 in the Lok Sabha on 3.5.2002, which was passed by the House on 7.5.2002.

Amendment of Article 46 of the Constitution

4896. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Article 46 of the Constitution directs the States to promote the educational and economic interests of the SCs, STs and other weaker sections of Society and protect them from social injustice and all forms of exploitation;

(b) whether this directive principle has failed to attain the objectives all through these five decades; and

(c) if so, whether Government would consider amendment of the Constitution to convert this provision into a fundamental right?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints regarding non-holding of annual general meetings by companies

4897. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received from Shareholders against companies for not holding annual general meetings during the year 2000-2001 and not sending annual reports etc.; and

(b) the action taken by Government against the defaulting companies?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.